

Revision of Scarcity Relief Manual

5135. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to revise and update the scarcity relief manual to tackle effectively the problem of natural calamities like drought, flood, snowfall earthquake, etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the procedure and the mechanism adopted to monitor the implementation of steps taken in pursuance to the provisions of the manual?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULI APPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The Primary responsibility for providing relief in the wake of natural calamities is that of the State Governments. So relief manuals

are formulated to suit the local conditions and implemented by the State Governments. However, Government of India have advised the State Governments to up-date their relief manuals in the light of past experience and changing conditions in the States.

[Translation]

**Expansion and Modernisation of
Telephone Exchanges in Rohtas
District of Bihar**

5136. SHRI CHHEDI P.S. PASWAN:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for expansion and modernisation of various telephone exchanges in the Rohtas district of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

Details of Planned Expansion/Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Rohtas District of Bihar

(i)	Sasaram (DHQ)	—	500L MAX.II is planned to be preplaced by 1400 lines C. DOT Exchange during 1991-92.
(ii)	Dalmianagar	—	400 lines MAX.II exchange is planned to be replaced by 1000 lines C. DOT during 1991-92.
(iii)	Bhabhua	—	50 lines MAX.III is planned to be replaced by C. DOT 128 Port during 1991-92.
(iv)	Banjari	—	50 lines MAX.III is planned to be replaced by C. DOT 128 Port during 1991-92.
(v)	Kochas	—	25 lines MAX-III) Planned to be replaced by 128-Port C-DOT RAXs

(vi)	Narsiganj	—	25 lines MAX-III	} Year Plan
(vii)	Nukha	—	Solines MAX-III	
(viii)	Kudra	—	50 lines MAX-III)	
(ix)	Bikramganj	—	C-DOT 128 PORT	} Year Plan
			Electronic exchanges are already working.	
(x)	Mohania	—	MILT 64 Port	
(xi)	Ramgarh	—	MILT 64 Port	

[English]

**Commemorative Postal Stamp on
"Kittur Rani Chennamma"**

5138. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand for issuing a commemorative postal stamp on February 2, 1992 in the memory of Kittur Rani Chennamma, the great freedom fighter; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). A few proposals have been received regarding the issue of a commemorative stamp on Kittur Rani Chennamma. Sponsors have been informed that a commemorative stamp has already been issued on this personality on 23rd Oct. 1977 and it is not proposed to bring out another stamp on the personality.

Buffer Stock of Seeds

5139. SHRI O. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether National Seeds Corporation maintains buffer stock of seeds to meet natural calamities; and

(b) if so, the crop-wise buffer stock of seeds maintained by NSC during the last three years, year-wise including the total value thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). During the 7th Plan period (1985-90), the National Seeds Corporation (NSC) was maintaining buffer stock of seed for North Eastern States as per the directions of the Govt. of India to meet natural calamities. A statement showing Cropwise details of quantity of seeds maintained by NSC under bufferstock during the years 1988-89 and is enclosed at Annexure. The total value 1989-90 of stocks maintained by NSC is indicated below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1988-89	74.44
1989-90	124.57
Total :	199.01

During the year 1990-91, no buffer stock of seeds was maintained by the NSC.